

cure certified Eleventh General Assembly, is hereby authorized to procure from the Department of the Interior, a certified list, or certified lists, of the school lands which have been selected in lieu of section sixteen, under an act of Congress, approved February 26, 1859, entitled an "act to authorize settlers upon sixteen and thirty-six sections, who settled before the surveys of the public lands, to pre-empt their settlement," and the act approved June 15, 1844: *provided*, that the said J. A. Harvey shall obtain said certification of land while in Washington attending to other duties of his commission, and without addition to his pay.

Proviso.

Publication.

SEC. 2. This act shall be in force after its publication in the Daily State Register and Iowa Evening Statesman, newspapers published at Des Moines.

Approved January 31, 1868.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily State Register* February 2, 1868, and in the *Iowa Evening Statesman* February 3, 1868.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State*.

CHAPTER 5.

LEGALIZING THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL-DISTRICT OF DECORAH.

FEBRUARY 3. AN ACT Legalizing the Organization of the Independent School-District of Decorah.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, In the month of March, A. D. 1862, the legal voters of the town of Decorah, in the county of Winneshiek, and State of Iowa, by virtue of sections 2097 and 2098, of the revised Code of 1860, decided by ballot to form an independent school-district, of the territory included within the corporate limits of said town, and afterward by virtue of section 2099 of said revised Code, the said voters met and elected by ballot, the officers designateds in said section 2099.

Rev. §§ 2097 and 2098.

Rev. § 2099.

WHEREAS, The said town of Decorah, on or about the year A. D. 1857, did organize as a municipal corporation, under the provisions of chapter 42 of the Code of 1851, and by the charter adopted under said organization, the officers consisted of a president, six trustees, secretary and treasurer; and

WHEREAS, On or about the year A. D. 1860, the said corporation was reorganized, in order to conform to the provisions of the act relating to the incorporation of towns and cities, passed March 23, A. D. 1858, and an election was held at the time fixed in said act, at which a mayor was elected, instead of a president, five trustees instead of six, and a recorder instead of a secretary; and

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of the organization of said independent school-district, in consequence of a supposed illegality in the said reorganization of the said town corporation, which may embarrass the citizens of said independent school-district; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the election held by the legal voters of the town of Decorah, in the county of Winneshiek and State of Iowa, in the month of March, A. D. 1862, to form themselves into an independent school-district, and all the official acts of the officers under said organization, taxes levied, rights acquired, and liabilities assumed by said independent school-district, be and the same are hereby declared legal and valid, to the same extent as if the organization of said independent school-district had been made in strict conformity to the statutes relating thereto; and no informality, irregularity or illegality in the said organization, or in any of the proceedings relating thereto, shall in any manner invalidate the said organization, nor the official acts of officers thereunder.

Election to form independent school district of Decorah, acts of officers, & proceedings of district legalized.

SEC. 2. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Daily State Register and Iowa Homestead, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa, without expense to the State.

Approved February 3, 1868.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily State Register* February 5, 1868, and in the *Iowa Homestead* February 12, 1868.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*